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WE RECOGNIZE THAT SECRETARY'S FAILURE TO MENTION TAIWAN IN JUNE 29 SPEECH AND OTHER ACTS OF DIPLOMATIC NEGLECT HAVE OFFENDED NATIONALISTIC SENSIBILITIES OF SOME ON TAIWAN. IN LIGHT OF REPEATED ADMINISTRATION STATEMENTS STRESSING OUR INTEREST IN TAIWAN'S SECURITY AND WELL-BEING AND IN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE TAIWAN PROBLEM, WE ARE SURPRISED, HOWEVER, WITH YOUR FINDING (PARA 4, REFTEL) THAT SUSPICIONS ARE BEGINNING TO DEVELOP THAT WE MEAN TO TURN OUR BACK ON TAIWAN TOTALLY AND WILL IGNORE ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR STABILITY. AS MAINTAINING CONFIDENCE ON TAIWAN IS AN IMPORTANT

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ASPECT OF OUR NORMALIZATION POLICY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF ROC VIEWS OF U.S- INTENTIONS IN RESPECT TO TAIWAN AND OF THE MOOD ON TAIWAN IN GENERAL. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF ASSESSMENT INCLUDED SUCH INDICATORS OF

THE POPULAR MOOD AS REAL ESTATE PRICES, DOMESTIC INVESTMENT TRENDS, RUMORS OF CAPITAL FLIGHT, VISA REQUEST LEVELS, ETC.

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